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OF STERILIZATION

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

This Response is provided in view of the Restriction Requirement mailed May 3, 2004 (marked "Part of Paper No./Mail Date 22040430"). It is timely filed on May 11, 2004, in advance of the deadline of June 3, 2004 set by the Examiner.

Also included is a Preliminary Amendment. It is requested that the Examiner examine the claims in the amended form.

A second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed with this Response.